

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1978
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd DECEMBER, 2022**

**MOBILE SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE UNCOVERED VILLAGES OF TAMIL
NADU**

1978 DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish mobile service infrastructure in the uncovered villages of Tamil Nadu through Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the same;
- (c) the time-frame planned to achieve these targets;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to propagate Government schemes and applications through mobile apps; and
- (e) the detailed list of mobile apps initiated by Government and their respective utility performance?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (c) Under the USOF (Universal Service Obligation Fund) funded project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country, 346 uncovered villages and 188 villages having only 2G/3G coverage of Tamil Nadu are included for provision of 4G connectivity. The project was approved by Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022, at a total cost of Rs. 26,316 Cr, to provide 4G mobile services in 24,680 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas and 6,279 villages having only 2G/3G connectivity across the country. The project is being executed by BSNL with the timeline of completion in 500 Days.

(d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(MeitY) has initiated Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG) platform as a unified mobile app to provide access to nationwide digital services ranging from Central to Local Government bodies and other citizen centric services. Currently, 1,668 services from 311 Central/State/UT departments along with 20,197 Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) utility services have been on-boarded on UMANG.

In addition, MeitY has initiated the 'mSeva AppStore' platform (<https://apps.mgov.gov.in>) for hosting of the mobile apps providing citizen-centric services from Government departments as well as the private developers. 1083 mobile apps from Government departments and private developers are already hosted on the platform.

(e) mSeva AppStore is a nationwide app hosting platform where the various mobile apps developed by Government departments are hosted. The list of mobile apps developed by Government departments and hosted on the mSeva platform along with the other details is available at <https://apps.mgov.gov.in>.
